

2012 Trees for Neighborhoods



THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING YOUR TREE(S):

Many of these trees will get big! Read descriptions carefully and envision what the tree will look like in 30+ years. Larger trees provide greater benefits to your neighborhood and our environment than smaller trees. They control more water, provide more shade in the summer, breathe in more carbon dioxide and breathe out more oxygen than smaller trees. For these reasons, the City of Seattle recommends planting larger trees whenever appropriate.

- To avoid future problems, trees must be planted at least 5 ft. from underground utility lines, 10 ft. from power poles, 20 ft. from street lights or other trees, and 30 ft. from a corner curb. To make sure your site meets minimum distance requirements, identify any underground utilities that may impact the location of your trees **BEFORE** you submit this application.
 - To identify where your sewer lines are, go to:
<http://web1.seattle.gov/dpd/sidesewercardsv2/>
 - To identify where your other underground utilities are, call the utility locator service at 800-424-5555. This service does not mark sewer lines.
 - Indicate that you have a "pre-planning locate request," and that you will not be digging right away, but need the sites marked **BEFORE** you submit your application. A representative from each utility will come out to mark the locations of their buried lines near your site. For more information, including color codes, visit <http://www.callbeforeyoudig.org>.
- Do not plant a tall tree under power lines. Trees planted under power lines should reach a maximum of 20' at maturity or the safety of the power lines will be compromised.
- Take time to evaluate sites on your property where trees can fit. The survival and health of a tree depends on how well it is suited to the spot that you plant it. Consider: placement (is there enough space for this tree when it grows up?), light, moisture, and type of soil.

APPLICATION APPROVAL AND TREE PICKUP:

- The trees will be in 5, 7, or 10 gallon containers. There will be people to help load your trees on the pick-up days, but you may need to make sure you have help to unload once you are home.
- The number of trees approved for your yard may be fewer than the number requested. Please note that tree availability is not guaranteed.
- If you do not own your home, you must obtain the permission of the homeowner.
- You must be present at the planting training to pick up your tree(s). All trees should be planted shortly after receiving them.
- Your young trees will not survive the dry summer without you giving them water and care.